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"Unless the persons responsible for this hideous



culture of hiding priests ...are removed ... the culture is still going to remain as an intrusive ghost that reverts back to its old ways."

William McMurtry
Inquirer

Protecting the flock?

Sex-abuse survivors say archdiocese hasn't done enough to heal wounds, restore confidence

Caitlin McClade Louisville Courier Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Two senior Catholic officials who remained silent decades ago when priests were accused of sexually abusing Louisville children have been kept in power — and even promoted — on Archbishop Joseph Kurtz's watch. That's not what many Louisville Catholics expected when Kurtz arrived in 2007 to take over the archdiocese, which was rocked by a major child sex abuse scandal a few years earlier. Previous church leaders in Kentucky's largest Catholic community had allowed abusive priests to remain in ministry while silencing their victims, a practice laid bare when hundreds sued the church, winning a \$25.7 million settlement in 2003. See CATHOLIC, Page 6A

Shown at top: Rev. William Medley, left; Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, center, Archdiocese of Louisville; and Dr. Brian Reynolds, right

Sports great returns home

For Christi Mack, life is family and basketball

Jeffrey Lee Puckett
Louisville Courier Journal
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Christi Mack's life is rarely less than hectic, not with three kids, a 45-pound Labradoodle and a husband who sometimes shows up for dinner with 12 extremely tall young men, which happens when you're the University of Louisville's head basketball coach.

On top of that, the Macks are completely transforming the entire basement of their new house into a miniature Dave & Buster's-type arcade for team get-togethers, with painters and contractors constantly circling in and out of their spacious Prospect home.

But Christi Mack, back home in the town where she grew up, always has time for one very important thing, her dirty little secret: Hallmark Channel Christmas movies. She is obsessed with them and especially with actor Candace Cameron Bure, a Hallmark regular.

On a recent Thursday morning, at least two televisions were tuned to the Hallmark Channel. The annual onslaught that the rest of the Mack family fears has already begun, with movies running all day long.

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Christi Mack, wife of Louisville head coach Chris Mack, cheers on the team at the Yum Center on Thursday. SAM UPHAM/JR, COURIER JOURNAL

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